



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO. : 10/026,301 CONFIRMATION NO. 8087
APPLICANT : De Billot *et al.*
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 7, 2008, and following the telephonic interview with the Examiner on April 29, 2008, the courtesy of which is appreciated, and is being deposited as First Class Mail. The response is intended to be fully responsive to each and every issue that was raised in the most recent Action and to take into account the guidance provided in the interview. It is believed to be timely in view of the shortened statutory deadline for response of three months that was set forth in the Action and the Petition for an Extension of Time of One (1) Month and the appropriate fee for the extension, which are enclosed herewith.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification.**

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings.**

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.